

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 91
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A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Health and Bureau of TennCare to conduct a study on health disparities found in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, health disparities are differences that occur in health care based on gender, race and ethnicity, education level, income level, disability, geographic location, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, any disparities in health care occurring in this State should be identified and addressed to ensure that Tennesseans are receiving the best possible health care; and

WHEREAS, to that end, the Department of Health and the Bureau of TennCare are best able to study the existence of health disparities within the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly urges the Department of Health and the Bureau of TennCare to conduct a joint study identifying any disparities in health care that exist in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of TennCare and the Department of Health shall report their findings to this body on or before April 30, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for delivery to the Bureau of TennCare and the Department of Health.